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A1 obtained by reacting the electrode material by discharge energy on the surface of the treatment target material utilizing the energy radiated during the electrical discharge.

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**Page 5, first paragraph**

A2 It is an object of the present invention to provide a method of manufacturing an electrode for discharge surface treatment capable of forming a high hardness hard material on a treatment target material even under a high temperature environment.

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**Pages 5-6, delete paragraphs 2-5 in its entirety.**

**Page 6, delete first full paragraph in its entirety.**

**Page 6, second full paragraph**

N1E The method of manufacturing an electrode for discharge surface treatment according to the present invention provides an electrode to be used for a discharge surface treatment of generating an electric discharge between the electrode and a treatment target material and forming a hard coat on a surface of the treatment target material utilizing the energy radiated during the electrical discharge. The electrode is formed by adding wax to materials of the electrode, then compression-molding the material added with the wax, heating the compression-molded material at a temperature not less than a temperature of melting the wax and not more than a temperature of decomposing the wax to generate soot, and evaporating and removing the wax.

N1E **Page 8, delete second full paragraph and paragraphs 3-4 in their entirety (page 8, line 14, through page 9, line 2).**